

# PHA Plans

## Streamlined 5-Year/Annual Version

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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 that introduced 5-year and annual PHA Plans. The full PHA plan provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form allows eligible PHAs to make a streamlined annual Plan submission to HUD consistent with HUD's efforts to provide regulatory relief to certain PHAs. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 11.7 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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## Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 - 2009

## Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2005

**TOWN OF DAVENPORT NY441**

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## Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan Agency Identification

**PHA Name:** Town of Davenport **PHA Number:** NY441

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning:** 10/2005

### PHA Programs Administered:

☐ **Public Housing and Section 8** ☒ **Section 8 Only** ☐ **Public Housing Only**  
Number of public housing units: Number of S8 units: 8 Nmb of public housing units:  
Number of S8 units:

### Public Access to Information

**Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:**  
(select all that apply)

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA: Delaware Opportunities Inc. 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782  
☐ PHA development management offices  
☐ PHA local offices

### Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plans and attachments (if any) are available for public inspection at: (select all that apply)

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA: 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782  
☐ PHA development management offices  
☐ PHA local offices  
☒ Main administrative office of the local government: Davenport Town Hall, State Route 23, Davenport Center, NY  
☐ Main administrative office of the County government  
☐ Main administrative office of the State government  
☐ Public library  
☐ PHA website  
☐ Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- ☒ Main business office of the PHA: 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY  
☐ PHA development management offices  
☒ Other (list below): Davenport Town Hall, State Highway 23, Davenport Center, NY

**Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan**  
**PHA FISCAL YEARS 2005 - 2009**  
[24 CFR Part 903.12]

**A. Mission**

- ☒ The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
- ☐ The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)

**B. Goals**

**HUD Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.**

- ☒ PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing  
Objectives:
- ☒ Apply for additional rental vouchers:
  - ☐ Reduce public housing vacancies:
  - ☐ Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
  - ☐ Acquire or build units or developments
  - ☐ Other (list below)
- ☒ PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing  
Objectives:
- ☐ Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
  - ☒ Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
  - ☒ Increase customer satisfaction:
  - ☐ Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:  
(list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
  - ☐ Renovate or modernize public housing units:
  - ☐ Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
  - ☐ Provide replacement public housing:
  - ☐ Provide replacement vouchers:
  - ☐ Other: (list below)

- ☒ PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices  
Objectives:
- ☒ Provide voucher mobility counseling:
  - ☒ Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
  - ☒ Increase voucher payment standards
  - ☒ Implement voucher homeownership program:
  - ☐ Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
  - ☐ Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
  - ☐ Convert public housing to vouchers:
  - ☐ Other: (list below)

**HUD Strategic Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality**

- ☐ PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment  
Objectives:
- ☐ Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments:
  - ☐ Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments:
  - ☐ Implement public housing security improvements:
  - ☐ Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly, persons with disabilities)
  - ☐ Other: (list below)

**HUD Strategic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals**

- ☒ PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households  
Objectives:
- ☒ Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:  
Increase by 5%
  - ☒ Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability: Encourage participation in BEST, Job Coaching, Etc.
  - ☐ Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
  - ☐ Other: (list below)

**HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans**



PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing

Objectives:



Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:



Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:



Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:



Other: (list below)

**Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)**

# Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

## PHA Fiscal Year 2005

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

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#### B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE

**Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;**

**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.**

For PHAs APPLYING FOR CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) GRANTS:

**Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace;**

**Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions;**

**Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.**

# **1. Statement of Housing Needs** [24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7(a)]

## **A. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists**

Housing Needs of Families on the PHA's Waiting Lists			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 tenant-based assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined Section 8 and Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)		
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	5		3
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	4	80%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	1	20%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)			
Families with children	4	80%	
Elderly families			
Families with Disabilities			
Race/ethnicity White	5	100%	
Race/ethnicity Black			
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)?			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed?			
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			

## **B. Strategy for Addressing Needs**

### **(1) Strategies**

**Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations**

**Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within**

**its current resources by:**

- ☐ Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- ☐ Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- ☐ Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources
- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- ☐ Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- ☐ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- ☐ Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- ☐ Other (list below)

**Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:**

- ☒ Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- ☐ Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing
- ☐ Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.
- ☐ Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI**

- ☐ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- ☐ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI**

- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:**

- ☐ Seek designation of public housing for the elderly
- ☒ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available
- ☐ Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:**

- ☐ Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- ☐ Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- ☒ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- ☐ Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities
- ☐ Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs**

**Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:**

- ☒ Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs
- ☐ Other: (list below)

**Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing**

- ☒ Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- ☒ Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
- ☐ Other: (list below)

**(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies**

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

- ☒ Funding constraints
- ☐ Staffing constraints
- ☐ Limited availability of sites for assisted housing
- ☐ Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community
- ☒ Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA
- ☒ Influence of the housing market on PHA programs
- ☐ Community priorities regarding housing assistance
- ☒ Results of consultation with local or state government
- ☒ Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board
- ☐ Results of consultation with advocacy groups
- ☐ Other: (list below)

## **Statement of Financial Resources**

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (c)]

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>1. Federal Grants (FY 2005 grants)</b>	25,958	25,958
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	25,958	
f) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
g) Community Development Block Grant		
h) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>		
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		
<b>4. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		
<b>Total resources</b>		

## **3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions**

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (b)]

### **A. Public Housing**

The PHA does not administer public housing.

## **B. Section 8**

### **(1) Eligibility**

- a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)
- ☒ Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
- ☐ Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
- ☐ More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors):
- ☐ Other (list below)
- b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- c. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- d. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)
- e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)
- ☒ Criminal or drug-related activity
- ☒ Other (describe below)
- Rental History if known

### **(2) Waiting List Organization**

- a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)
- ☐ None
- ☐ Federal public housing
- ☐ Federal moderate rehabilitation
- ☐ Federal project-based certificate program
- ☒ Other federal or local program (list below)
- Delaware County Section 8 Program as administered by New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.
- b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)
- ☒ PHA main administrative office: Delaware Opportunities 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, New York 13782
- ☐ Other (list below)

### **(3) Search Time**

- a. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

Written request of voucher holder, and evidence of a good faith search.

Extensions may be offered up to 60 additional days.

### **(4) Admissions Preferences**

- a. Income targeting

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?

- b. Preferences

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent **(5) Special purpose section 8 assistance programs**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- ☐ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)  
☒ Victims of domestic violence  
☐ Substandard housing  
☐ Homelessness  
☐ High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability  
☐ Veterans and veterans' families  
☒ Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction  
☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs  
☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)  
☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)  
☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs  
☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes  
☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a “1” in the space that represents your first priority, a “2” in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use “1” more than once, “2” more than once, etc.

1      Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- ☐ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- 1      Victims of domestic violence
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans’ families
- 1      Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants selected? (select one)

- ☒ Date and time of application
- ☐ Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for “residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction” (select one)

- ☒ This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD
- ☐ The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

- ☐ The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- ☒ Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

#### **(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs**

- a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)

- ☒ The Section 8 Administrative Plan  
☐ Briefing sessions and written materials  
☐ Other (list below)

- b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?

- ☒ Through published notices  
☐ Other (list below)

#### **4. PHA Rent Determination Policies**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(d)]

##### **A. Public Housing**

The PHA does not operate public housing.

##### **B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance**

###### **(1) Payment Standards**

- a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- ☐ At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR  
☒ 100% of FMR  
☐ Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR  
☐ Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

- b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

- ☐ FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area  
☐ The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard  
☐ Reflects market or submarket  
☐ Other (list below)

- c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level?  
(select all that apply)
- ☐ FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- ☐ Reflects market or submarket
- ☐ To increase housing options for families
- ☐ Other (list below)
- d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)
- ☒ Annually
- ☐ Other (list below)
- e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)
- ☒ Success rates of assisted families
- ☒ Rent burdens of assisted families
- ☐ Other (list below)

## **(2) Minimum Rent**

- a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)
- ☒ \$0
- ☐ \$1-\$25
- ☐ \$26-\$50
- b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

## **5. Capital Improvement Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (g)]

### **A. Capital Fund Activities**

The PHA does not participate in Capital Fund Programs.

## **6. Demolition and Disposition**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (h)]

The PHA only operates a Section 8 Tenant Assistance Program and therefore is exempt from completing this section.

## **7. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(k)(1)(i)]

- (1) ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to the next component; if “yes”, complete each program description below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

## (2) Program Description

### a. Size of Program

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the Section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year? \_\_\_\_

### b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Will the PHA’s program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria?

If yes, list criteria below:

- c. What actions will the PHA undertake to implement the program this year (list)?  
The availability of the homeownership option is discussed with all applicants at the time of the initial briefing and issuance of a voucher. The option is subsequently discussed with each voucher holder at recertification.

## (3) Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program

The PHA has demonstrated its capacity to administer the program by (select all that apply):

- a. ☒ Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family’s resources.
- b. ☒ Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its Section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards.
- c. ☒ Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below).

Delaware Opportunities Inc., a HUD approved housing counseling agency and the agency contracting with the PHA for the implementation of the Housing Choice Vouchers Program will also administer the homeownership option. Additionally, Delaware Opportunities has entered into agreements with local financial institutions relative to their homeownership programs with Delaware Opportunities providing the required homeownership counseling.

- d. ☐ Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below).

## **8. Civil Rights Certifications**

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the *PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans*, which is submitted to the Field Office in hard copy—see Table of Contents.

## **9. Additional Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (r)]

### **A. PHA Progress in Meeting the Mission and Goals Described in the 5-Year Plan—Fiscal Years 2000-2004**

The following identifies the initial goals and progress toward meeting those goals.

**Apply for additional rental vouchers: Request 5 additional vouchers.** During the five year period, the additional federal funds were very limited; additionally, the lack of a substantial waiting list made it difficult to justify applying for additional funding. The current funding climate is extremely difficult. It appears that over time, most communities will have fewer vouchers available and that the financial resources will be limited.

**Improve voucher management: Increase PHA score by 5.** In March of 2002, the first year for which a PHA score was available, the PHA scored 5 or 11% and the PHA was identified as “troubled”. In 2003, the last time that a SEMAP score was provided, the PHA scored 40 or 88% and the PHA ranked as “standard”.

**Increase Customer Satisfaction: Institute annual satisfaction questionnaire.** A customer satisfaction questionnaire was implemented in 2002-2003 and identified a desire on the part of program participants to be treated with more respect. Repeats of the surveys in subsequent years indicated that the complaint was no longer present, representing an improvement in customer satisfaction.

#### **Increase assisted housing choices by:**

- **Provide voucher mobility counseling.** Voucher mobility counseling occurs as a regular part of the tenant briefing process. Information regarding voucher mobility is included in the tenant packet. Voucher mobility counseling also occurs during the recertification process.
- **Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords.** Landlord outreach activities are ongoing. Most landlords in the community are familiar with the program and are willing to accept rental assistance payments.
- **Increase voucher payment standards.** The PHA established the voucher

payment standard at 100% of the HUD published FMR. The payment standard was increased annually during the five year plan period, consistent with the revisions to the FMR as established by HUD.

- **Implement voucher homeownership program.** The PHA established a homeownership program. The initial briefing, when the voucher is being provided, includes information regarding the homeownership program. At recertification, all program participants are reminded of the availability of the program and offer the opportunity to participate.

## **B.Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments**

### **(1) Amendment and Deviation Definitions**

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

a. Substantial Deviation from the 5-Year Plan. A substantial deviation from the 5 year plan would occur if the PHA were to expand its scope of services beyond a Section 8 tenant based only program.

b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan. The policies which support and direct the annual (and 5 year plan) are based on the Section 8 administrative plan. Amendments to the administrative plan have an effect on the overall operation of the program. Therefore amendments (other than those necessary to meet statutory or regulatory requirements) to the administrative plan will require full public hearing and HUD review.

## **C. Other Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.13, 903.15]

### **(1) Resident Advisory Board Recommendations**

- a. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

If yes, provide the comments below:

Resident advisory board members felt that the amount of assistance should be increased.

Board members were supportive of continuing the homeownership option. In general members were supportive of the proposed plan.

- b. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
- ☒ Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.

☐ The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments

**(2) Resident Membership on PHA Governing Board**

a. Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year?

☐ Yes ☒ No:

If yes, complete the following:

Name of Resident Member of the PHA Governing Board:

Method of Selection:

☐ Appointment

**The term of appointment is (include the date term expires):**

☐ Election by Residents (if checked, complete next section--Description of Resident Election Process)

**Description of Resident Election Process**

Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations
- ☐ Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- ☐ Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot
- ☐ Other: (describe)

Eligible candidates: (select one)

- ☐ Any recipient of PHA assistance
- ☐ Any head of household receiving PHA assistance
- ☐ Any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- ☐ Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization
- ☐ Other (list)

Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

- ☐ All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)
- ☐ Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations
- ☐ Other (list)

b. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not?

- ☐ The PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis
- ☐ The PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.
- ☒ Other (explain): The local municipal government is the PHA and PHA Board.

New York State law establishes the election of local officials to municipal boards.

Date of next term expiration of a governing board member:

Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next available position):

**(3) PHA Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan**

[24 CFR Part 903.15]

**Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: New York State**

a. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply):

- ☒ The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting list on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- ☒ The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- ☐ The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- ☐ Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
- ☐ Other: (list below)

b. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

The New York State Consolidated Plan incorporates the PHA. The following information contained in the New York State Consolidated Plan for 2006-2010 supports the PHA Plan:

New York State recognizes barriers to affordable housing (page 77) including the

lack of federal resources and promises to work with lenders, landlords, and real estate officials, which will further the PHA Plan.

In its Strategic Plan, New York State establishes an objective to improve affordability by creating new rental assistance opportunities. New York State thus supports rental assistance (page 90) and specifically identifies the federal Section 8 Program Housing Choice Vouchers Program as a means to address this issue. The PHA has access to the DHCR Housing Choice Vouchers Program which operates on a county-wide basis. When the PHA vouchers are all committed, additional households within the PHA service area can access the New York State Program.

New York State expects to “continue to carry out programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory practices” (page 109) which is consistent with and will further the fair housing efforts of the PHA.

New York State describes its “institutional structure” with regard to Local Government (this PHA), recognizing that together New York State policies can be appropriately applied at the local level. (page 121). The plan identifies this as a strength (page 124): “New York State’s dependence on local governments and organizations is an important part of the State’s efforts to expand affordable housing opportunities. This partnership provides the State with excellent information on the housing needs of their communities. This information can then be assembled to provide housing needs on a statewide comprehensive basis.

The PHA is not a Participating Jurisdiction under HOME, nor an entitlement community under CDBG; however, New York State makes resources available through these funding sources to address affordable housing and the PHA is an eligible applicant for competitive funding.

The PHA in turn supports the New York State Consolidated Plan by addressing its mission of promoting “adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.” and more specifically by:

- Providing rental assistance so that decent, safe, and sanitary housing is available at an affordable rate (30% of family income);
- Incorporating a homeownership option so that the housing choice vouchers can be used to support the purchase of a home and thereby make homeownership a viable option for low to moderate income families; and
- Furthering fair housing by informing the public and the housing industry of fair housing requirements

**(4) (Reserved)**

## **10. Project-Based Voucher Program**

- a. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to “project-base” any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If yes, answer the following questions.

## 11. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Five-Year/ Annual PHA Plans

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
<b>X</b>	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans.</i>	Standard 5 Year and Annual Plans; streamlined 5 Year Plans
<b>X</b>	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year Plans
<b>X</b>	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
<b>X</b>	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
<b>X</b>	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
<b>X</b>	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
<b>X</b>	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation).	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
<b>X</b>	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
<b>X</b>	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
<b>X</b>	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
<b>X</b>	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section 4.410 of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
<b>X</b>	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy
<b>X</b>	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	Consortia Joint PHA Plans ONLY: Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually.	(Specify as needed)